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The author of this thesis, Merijn Victor Klinkenberg, was born in Apeldoorn, the Netherlands, in 1981. After finishing his secondary school in Apeldoorn, Victor was employed by the archaeological service of the city of Deventer. Here he worked as an excavator and archaeological assistant for three years learning the practical aspects of field archaeology.

In 2004, following a Colloquium Doctum exam, Victor was admitted to the Bachelor program at the Faculty of Archaeology of Leiden University. The first years of academia were oriented to the study of the Prehistory of North-Western Europe, in particular the Netherlands. After completion of his BA thesis on an excavation of an Iron Age settlement at Wijchen-Berendonk, Victor continued in Leiden in the Master program for Palaeolithic Archaeology. After two years he graduated on a thesis on the three-dimensional find distribution at the Middle Palaeolithic site of Neumark Nord 2, Germany. Subsequently Victor was shortly employed within the Palaeolithic research group in Leiden as researcher.

During his studies, Victor held several positions as student representative, organizing academic and social events, and even at one point organized a substantial student protest in Leiden. Most importantly he helped to reinstate the Prehistory student organization Johan Picardt, and co-founded the Digital Archaeology Group.

Additionally, Victor held a position as teacher of Prehistory at the Saxion University of Applied Sciences in Deventer, was employed as research assistant in several projects at Leiden University, and participated in various excavation and survey projects in the Netherlands, Germany, Turkey, and Iraq. Victor also participated in and presented at numerous symposia and conferences, both in the Netherlands as well as abroad.

In 2012 Victor was appointed as PhD candidate in the “Consolidating Empire” project, led by Bleda Düring. The PhD research project, focussing on the find distribution in the Assyrian settlement at Tell Sabi Abyad, Syria, was conducted in four years and has resulted in the thesis which lies before you. Additionally, aided by a grant obtained from the Data Archiving and Networked Services, Victor directed a project to digitize the entire excavation archive of Tell Sabi Abyad, which is now available online.

Also during his PhD years, Victor has participated in and presented at numerous academic meetings, including at the British Association of Near East Archaeology, at the Theoretical Archaeology Group, and at the European Association of Archaeologists. Victor organized various international symposia, and was member of various committees at the Faculty of Archaeology. In his last year he joined Bleda Düring at the excavation of Chlorakas-Palloures, Cyprus, functioning as field director.

Following his PhD research, Victor is employed at Leiden University as a post-doc researcher in the project SETinSTONE. He also continues his work in Cyprus, and is involved in multiple other research projects.